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**Mail Stop Patent Application**  
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New U.S. Patent Application  
 Title: ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED DOCUMENTS WITH  
 EXAMINATION SOFTWARE  
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- Twenty (20) pages, including six (6) independent claims and seventeen (17) claims total.
2. Drawings- Three (3) sheets of drawings (Figures 1, 2, 3a and 3b).
3. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee				\$770	\$ 770.00
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Total Claims	17	-	20	0 x \$18	0
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\$290.00 multiple dependent claim filing fee.

Applicants claim the right to foreign priority based on German Patent Application No. 10304412.4, filed February 4, 2003.

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This application will be completed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) upon receiving a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application.

Please accord this application an application number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due and any other fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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